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Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

Aleksic

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-17, 30-33, 37-39, 41-42 and 45-47 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by Aleksic et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,469,703 ("Aleksic"). The Examiner's argument would seem to be that alternating the channel mapping with each block as described in Aleksic is the same as alternating the channel mapping with each pair of blocks. There is, of course, no suggestion in Aleksic, nor in any other reference of such an idea.

The Examiner would appear to be reading the word "block" in the claims broadly, so that block becomes the same thing as half of a block. This, of course, renders the word "block" as used by Aleksic meaningless. Aleksic teaches a very particular type of mapping and in doing so intends a very particular meaning for "block." The Examiner's "broad interpretation" of the claims, vitiates this meaning.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

Aleksic

The Examiner has rejected claims 34-36, 40, 43 and 44 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Aleksic et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,469,703 ("Aleksic"). These rejections rely on many assumptions for which the Examiner has produced no references. Applicants do not concede any of these assumptions, but reserve specific comment in the interests of expediting examination of the application.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

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Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

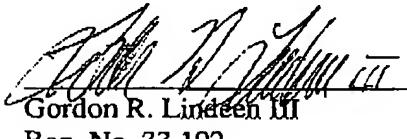
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Respectfully submitted,

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